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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/895001

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For: Sample Processing Devices and Carriers

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, enclosed please find a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention prior parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/710,184, entitled CENTRIFUGAL FILLING OF SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES (Attorney Docket No. 55265US002), filed November 10, 2000.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following applications:
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/895,010, entitled **SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES**
(Attorney Docket No. 55265US009), filed June 28, 2001;

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/894,810, entitled ENHANCED SAMPLE PROCESSING
DEVICES, SYSTEMS AND METHODS (Attorney Docket No. 55266US002),
filed June 28, 2001;

U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/214,508, entitled THERMAL PROCESSING DEVICES AND METHODS (Attorney Docket No. 55265US003), filed June 28, 2000;

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U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/214,642, entitled SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES, SYSTEMS AND METHODS (Attorney Docket No. 55266US003), filed June 28, 2000;

U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/237,072, entitled SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES, SYSTEMS AND METHODS (Attorney Docket No. 56047USA29) filed October 2, 2000.

Copies of the above-mentioned applications are provided herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed PTO-1449 form in order to indicate that each of the references listed thereon has been considered in connection with the present application.

Should a First Office Action on the merits be mailed prior to the filing of this Disclosure Statement, please charge the requisite fee (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.17(p)) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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